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Mountain Roundup turns ramps space into an international air force

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The Idaho Air National Guard hosted international aircraft and personnel, as well as those from the U.S. Marine Corps, as the 124th Fighter Wing participated in exercise "Mountain Roundup 2013." The ramp space which formerly held C-130 aircraft was home for three weeks in October to a

NATO E-3A AWACS aircraft, Canadian CF-18 Hornets and USMC AV-8B Harriers. Once the government shutdown restrictions were lifted, Air Guard A-10s of the 190th Fighter Squadron also participated. Other aircraft participating were stationed at Mountain Home AFB for the exercise.

Mountain Roundup is a joint exercise that included units from the German Air Force, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, Royal Canadian Forces and aircraft from the Republic of Singapore's 428th Fighter Squadron. It is the culmination of the German Air Force Tornado Fighter Weapons Instructor Course.

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